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To: SIDS Contact Points

cc: Members of the Steering Group on Existing Chemicals
(letter and Chapter 1 of the Manual only)
Members of the Risk Assessment Advisory Body (RAAB) (letter only)
National Delegations (letter only)

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Re: SIDS Manual (Third Revision)

Dear Madam/Sir,

Please find enclosed the updated SIDS Manual (third revision) which reflects the state-of-the-art of the OECD SIDS Programme. As only certain chapters have been updated, only copies of those chapters (i.e. Cover pages, Chapters 1-3 and Annexes 4-6) are enclosed. The other chapters in the May 1996 version are still valid. In addition, a diskette is enclosed, including all the chapters of the latest SIDS Manual (i.e. updated and unchanged chapters) in Word 6.0 files. SIDS Contact Points are expected to make this manual available to people who are involved in the SIDS work.

The following revisions have been made in the current version, dated July 1997:

1. Chapter 1 (Description of OECD Work on Investigation of High Production Volume Chemicals) has been updated to reflect the current situation regarding the definition of OECD HPV List, SIDS Review process, procedures for gathering and transmitting exposure information, etc.
- 2.. Section 2.5 (Guidance for collection and transmission of exposure information for SIDS Initial Assessment) has been added based on the agreed procedures. Section 2.1 and 2.2 have also been modified and Annex 5 has been simplified.
3. A part of Chapter 3 (Data Evaluation, Preparation of SIDS Dossiers and Testing Plans) has been revised based on the agreed new SIDS Review process.
4. Information in Annex 4 and 6 has been updated.

In order to ensure publication of SIDS Initial Assessment Reports and SIDS Dossiers of high quality in a more harmonised way, it is strongly recommended that the reports and the dossiers be prepared according to the guidance set out in this Manual. SIDS Contact Points are encouraged to use the Manual to the greatest extent possible in carrying out SIDS work in their countries/organisations.

If you have any questions or comments, please send them to Kazu Chikazawa (Tel: 33-1-45.24.76.98, Fax: 33-1-45.24.16.75, E-mail: kazuhiko.chikazawa@oecd.org). Kazu will take over the work on the SIDS Manual which was done by Terry Hayamizu to date, after he leaves OECD at the end of August 1997. Additional copies or diskettes are available from Eimear Cantwell (Tel: 33-1-45.24.16.74, Fax: 33-1-45.24.16.75, E-mail: eimear.cantwell@oecd.org).

Yours sincerely,

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Encl.: a set of paper copies (7 documents) and a diskette